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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

This Official Communication is in regard to the continuation patent application filed herewith, which claims priority to currently pending Application Serial No. 09/779,273 filed February 8, 2001.

This continuation application is being filed in the present case by filing a new specification with new claims, along with the oath or declaration from the prior (parent) application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b). The text of the newly filed specification includes changes from the specification originally filed in the parent application from which this continuation claims priority.

For the convenience of the Examiner, enclosed herewith, is a marked-up version of the new specification showing the changes made. The changes made thereto do not introduce new matter. Rather, the changes are presented for contextual purposes, to provide clarity, and to incorporate changes made during the prosecution of the prior, parent application.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of the present continuation application represent allowable subject matter. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this Official Communication. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

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